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## THE HORSEMAN WAS MAD

AND CHASED THE RANCHMAN FOR HIS LIFE.

THRILLING ADVENTURE OF A NEBRASKA STOCKMAN.

While Tracing a Trail He is Overaken by a Mad Equine and is Saved From a Horrible Death by a Miraculous Shot by a Cowboy.

THE SENSATION of horseback riding at the rate of thirty miles an hour is not a pleasant one. When a mad stallion is in wild pursuit, it is so much worse. A Nebraska stockman by the name of Thompson had such an experience a few days ago. It was a miracle that he lives to tell the story of his hair breadth escape from an awful death. Thompson is the owner of the Happy Jack cattle ranch, and was on his way to the Platte river. When he dismounted to examine the trail, which he was beginning to suspect was a day or two old, when he observed a horse running towards him at a rapid gallop. The animal was not saddled, but showed marks of being in recent use, and Mr. Thompson concluded that he had probably broken loose from his owner, and that the latter would soon be out looking for him, so resolved to catch him. Advancing, the stockman held out his hand to the stranger, but the animal snapped at him and made a dash for the other horse, trying to bite and kicking out with his heels. Thompson now saw that the runaway was foaming in a manner that meant more than heat from his gallop, and thinking that the animal was mad, he turned to his horse, flinging himself into the saddle, he clapped spurs to him and made a dash for the place where he had left the still corralled herd. The frenzied horse gave chase, and then began a break neck race for life over the prairie. Thompson possessed the advantage of having the animal on his stroke fresh and under perfect control, while the pursuer was able to run only by spurts, with the irregularity of madness, and half blindly but in spite of this he was sufficiently near to render the case one of great excitement and danger, for from the furious creature's belligerence displayed at

the first, it was easy to see what would be the fate of animal or man who fell before him. So, without sparing whip or spur, Thompson flew over the ground with the mad horse only a few dozen yards in his rear. The danger was increased by the existence of large cracks in the earth gaping for water, which were often quite wide enough to admit of the horse's foot falling with one foot in them and breaking a limb, when he would be at the mercy of the panting, raging animal close behind him, which allowed no time for picking the way over these pitfalls. But the fiery little Spanish mustang ridden by Thompson seemed to realize that his life and that of his rider depended on his skill in avoiding these cracks, and flew over them like a bird, redoubling his speed whenever the horse following gave a shrill shriek of warning.

Three Thompson saw a rattlesnake leap out at the mustang as he cleared a clump of tall prairie grass and spring at his heels, but the horse failed, and the snake fastened itself on the lower leg of the animal. The came after, but with the long, greenish body still hangs to it, the mad horse did not stay for a moment, and as the mustang paused for a second to gather itself for a leap across a yielding place in the earth, where some mole had once excavated its home, gained somewhat on the flying pair. Looking back, Thompson saw the beast not more than thirty or thirty-five yards behind him, and thinking the horse almost upon him, lashed the mustang into a run that made the ground seem to tremble beneath his nimble feet, and was rapidly outdistancing his pursuer when he felt

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When People Are Dreaming They Often See Realities.

In conversation with friends a few days ago Mr. Charles H. Harland told the following remarkable incident and asked for an explanation. The conversation had turned upon the recent loss of a horse by the people in spiritualistic matters and Harland avowed himself a believer in the science.

"I wish to say," said Mr. Harland, "that I have long studied spiritualism and am convinced that it is a truth. Among the spirits with whom I have been in communication through mediums is an Indian who comes to talk with me nearly every time I see a medium. I have no mediumistic powers myself, and get all my information through others. One day in conversation with this Indian I asked him about the happy hunting grounds, and he replied that he would show them to me some day."

"I gave the matter very little thought and supposed he was just joking. I spent about half my time in the woods, and on one of my recent trips I had an experience that I wish to tell you and ask your opinion of. I was feeling extra well and strong, and started out on the morning above Monument Park. While sitting under one of those big trees on the top of the foothills, looking down on the park, I suddenly felt a most uncomfortable drowsiness, and lay down and was asleep almost instantly. Then I had a peculiar dream. I thought I was riding along in a beautiful country through waving grass thickly beset with flowers. Game abounded on all sides, and I thought I had never seen such a fine country. I reached a stream and the waters were so clear that I could see the fish playing about. The bottom was covered with a white, sand, and the hoofs of my horse did not seem to disolor the water in the least with mud from the bottom. Near the ford were a number of Indians fishing. I sat in my horse while he drank, but the Indians paid no attention to me. I passed on and seemed to be at a loss as to which way to go. While in this dilemma I met an old Indian man and little Indian boy. While he did not talk he directed me to where I wished to go. I reached my destination, and woke up."

"I thought the dream strange, but what was my surprise when I next saw a medium. My Indian asked me my trip and said he was the old Indian with the little boy who directed me on the way. It was a dream, as we know dreams, but it was undoubtedly the fulfillment of the promise to take me over to the happy hunting grounds. Was I influenced from outside, or did my own mind play me this prank?"

ON A LONELY ROAD.

An Iowa Girl Found Murdered on a Lonely Highway.

Annie Weiss, the 16-year-old daughter of Jacob Weiss of Marshalltown, Iowa, was murdered the other night north of Green Mountain. She was working in the family of Henry Resse, a well-to-do farmer, and went to the house of a neighbor, Andrew Burgess, a mile distant, to visit an acquaintance. Starting to return about 10 o'clock, she had traversed about half the distance when a man jumped from a hill place by the roadside and struck her on the head with a club. He then cut her throat from ear to ear, her head being almost severed from her body, and ten knife wounds being made in her breast and back. Mr. Burgess and his young son, who had not yet retired, heard the girl scream three times and hastened to her assistance. They found her lying in the road dead, and her assailant flown. In one hand she held a bunch of the murderer's hair, and there were other evidences of a terrible struggle, but no trace of the man has yet been discovered, although posses and nearly the entire community are scouring the country to find him.

Murderer Commits a Double Crime.

A double tragedy occurred at Fall River, Mass., the other night. One victim was Charles H. Connors, aged 39 years, and the other, Andrew Gibson, aged 15 years. Gibson cut Connors' throat with a razor and afterward ran naked through the fields for thirty minutes, slashing and tearing his own throat until he had lost consciousness from which he died. The tragedy took place between 11:15 and 12:15 a. m., but Gibson did not die until a o'clock the next morning. Connors was passing Gibson's house when a cry of "Murder" caused him to enter. He was met by Gibson with the above result. The murderer and suicide is believed to have been insane from drink.

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